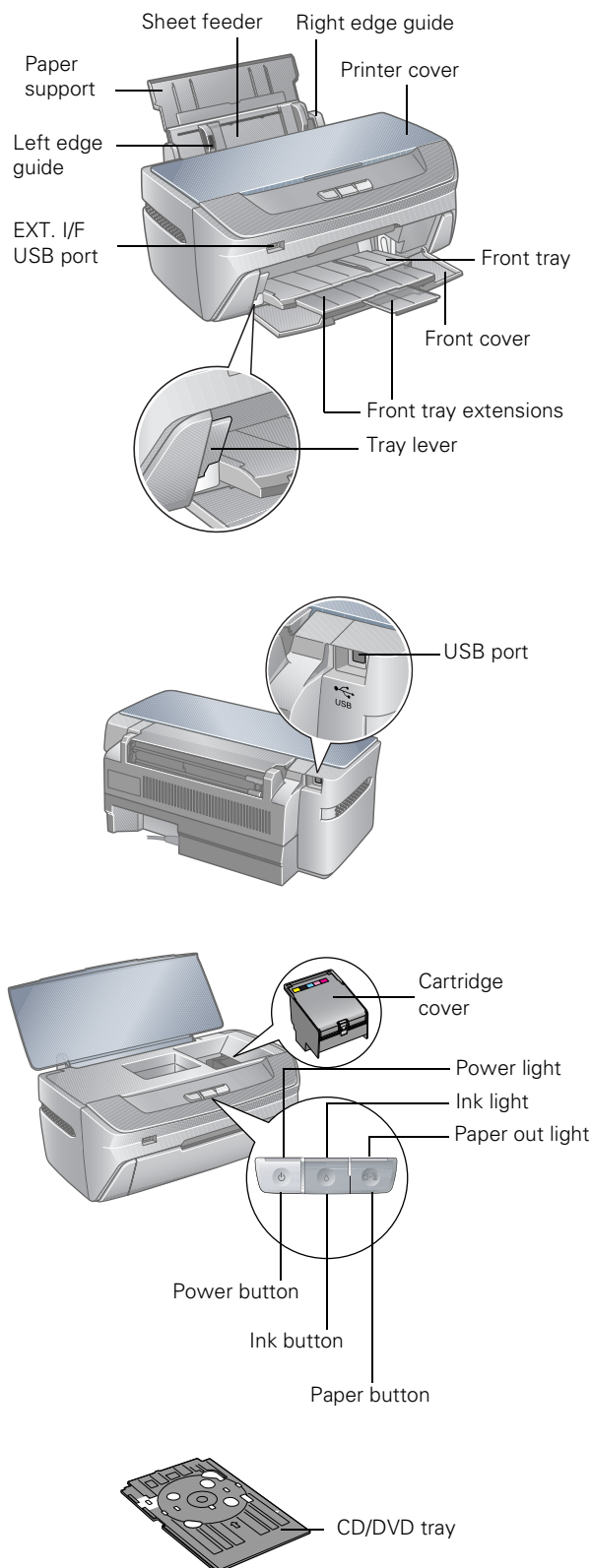


Printer Parts



Accessories

Ink Cartridges

Cartridge	Part number
Black	78 (T078120)
Cyan	78 (T078220)
Magenta	78 (T078320)
Yellow	78 (T078420)
Light Cyan	78 (T078520)
Light Magenta	78 (T078620)
High-Capacity Black	77 (T077120)
High-Capacity Cyan	77 (T077220)
High-Capacity Magenta	77 (T077320)
High-Capacity Yellow	77 (T077420)
High-Capacity Light Cyan	77 (T077520)
High-Capacity Light Magenta	77 (T077620)

Caution: To ensure good results, use genuine Epson cartridges and do not refill them. Other products may cause damage to your printer not covered by Epson's warranties.

Don't use an ink cartridge beyond the expiration date on the package.

Note: Try the High Capacity 77 cartridges available at <http://www.epson.com/highcapacity> (U.S. sales) or <http://www.epson.ca> (Canadian sales).

Epson Media

Paper name*	Size	Part number
Epson Ultra Premium Photo Paper Glossy	Borderless 4 × 6 inches	S041934
Epson Ultra Premium Glossy Photo Paper	Letter (8.5 × 11 inches)	S041935
Epson Premium Photo Paper Glossy	Borderless 4 × 6 inches	S041808 S041727
Epson Premium Glossy Photo Paper	Borderless 5 × 7 inches	S041464
	Borderless 8 × 10 inches	S041465
	Letter (8.5 × 11 inches)	S041286 S041667
Epson Premium Photo Paper Semi-gloss	Borderless 4 × 6 inches	S041982
Epson Premium Semi-gloss Photo Paper	Letter (8.5 × 11 inches)	S041331
Epson Photo Paper Glossy	Borderless 4 × 6 inches	S041134 S041671 S041809
Epson Glossy Photo Paper	Letter (8.5 × 11 inches)	S041141 S041649 S041271
Epson Bright White Paper	Letter (8.5 × 11 inches)	S041586
Epson Premium Presentation Paper Matte	Borderless 8 × 10 inches	S041467
Epson Matte Paper Heavyweight	Letter (8.5 × 11 inches)	S041257
Epson Premium Presentation Paper Matte Double-sided	Letter (8.5 × 11 inches)	S041568
Epson Double-sided Matte Paper		
Epson Presentation Paper Matte	Letter (8.5 × 11 inches)	S041062
Epson Photo Quality Ink Jet Paper		
Epson Iron-on Cool Peel Transfer paper	Letter (8.5 × 11 inches)	S041153
Epson Photo Quality Self Adhesive Sheets	A4 (8.3 × 11.7 inches)	S041106
Epson Ultra Premium Photo Paper Luster	Letter (8.5 × 11 inches)	S041405
Epson Premium Luster Photo Paper		

* Availability of paper types varies by location

Printer Specifications

Printing

Printing method	On-demand ink jet
Nozzle Configuration	90 nozzles (each color) × 6 Black, cyan, magenta, yellow, light cyan, light magenta
Interfaces	USB 2.0 (front and rear)

Mechanical

Paper feed	Friction
Paper path	Sheet feeder, top entry
Sheet feeder capacity	120 sheets of 24 lb (90 g/m ²) paper
Dimensions	
Storage	Width: 17.8 inches (453 mm) Depth: 13.5 inches (343 mm) Height: 7.6 inches (194 mm)
Printing	Width: 17.8 inches (453 mm) Depth: 21.2 inches (538 mm) Height: 11.2 inches (285 mm)
Weight	14.3 lb (6.5 kg) without ink cartridges

Ink Cartridges

Colors	Black, cyan, magenta, yellow, light cyan, light magenta
Cartridge life	Within 6 months after opening package, at 77 °F (25 °C)
Dimensions (W × D × H)	0.5 × 2.7 × 1.9 inches (12.7 × 68.0 × 47.0 mm)
Storage temperature	−4 to 104 °F (−20 to 40 °C) 1 month at 104 °F (40 °C)
Freezing temperature*	3.2 °F (−16 °C)

* Ink thaws and is usable after approximately 3 hours at 77 °F (25 °C)

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Electrical

Rated Voltage		100-120 V Model	220-240 V Model
Input voltage range*		AC 90 to 132 V	AC 198 to 264 V
Rated frequency range		50 to 60 Hz	
Input frequency range		49.5 to 60.5 Hz	
Rated current		0.6 A (Max. 0.9 A)	0.3 A (Max. 0.5 A)
Power consumption	ISO/IEC10561 Letter Pattern	Approx. 12 W	
	Sleep mode	Approx. 1.1 W	Approx. 1.2 W
	Power off mode	Approx. 0.2 W	Approx. 0.4 W

* Check the label on the back of the printer for its voltage.

Environmental

Temperature

Operation 50 to 95 °F (10 to 35 °C)

Storage -4 to 104 °F (-20 to 40 °C)
1 month at 104 °F (40 °C)

Humidity (without condensation)

Operation 20 to 80% RH

Storage 5 to 85% RH

Safety Approvals

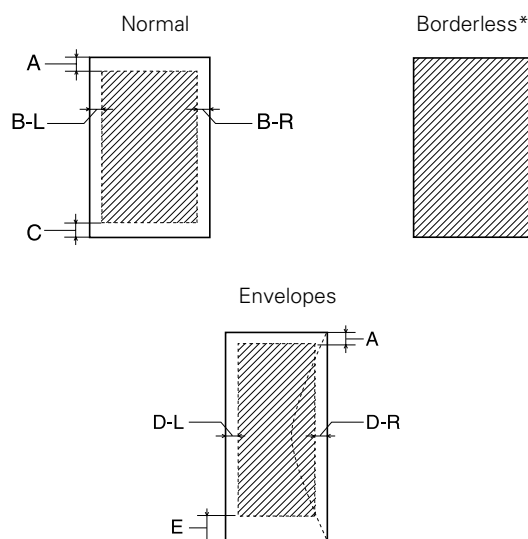
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Paper

Paper	Type	Specifications
Single sheets	Plain bond paper or special paper distributed by Epson	Thickness: 0.003 to 0.004 inch (0.08 to 0.11 mm) for plain bond paper Weight: 17 lb to 24 lb (64 g/m ² to 90 g/m ²) for plain bond paper
Envelopes	Plain bond paper	Weight: 20 lb to 24 lb (75 g/m ² to 90 g/m ²)

Printable area



















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B-L	The minimum left margin is 0.12 inches (3.0 mm).
B-R	The minimum right margin is 0.12 inches (3.0 mm).
C	The minimum bottom margin is 0.12 inches (3.0 mm).
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E	The minimum bottom margin is 0.78 inches (20.0 mm).










* When you print with the borderless feature, print quality may decline in the expanded area. Before printing large jobs using the borderless setting, print a single sheet to confirm printout quality.

Note: Always load paper into the sheet feeder with the short edge first. Load envelopes flap edge left with the flap side down.


Control Panel


To diagnose problems, check the printer's control panel, as described below.

Lights	Explanation
Green  power light flashes	The printer is receiving a print job, replacing an ink cartridge, charging ink, or cleaning the print head.
Red  paper out light is on and green  power light flashes	<p>If you're printing on paper, your paper ran out or multiple pages have fed at once. Make sure you lift the tray lever up to set the front tray to the paper (lower) position. Then, load more paper and press the  paper button to resume printing.</p> <p>If you're printing on a CD or DVD, the CD/DVD tray is not inserted. Follow the instructions in "Inserting a CD or DVD" on page 8 to insert the tray, then press the  paper button.</p>
Red  paper out light and green  power light flash	<p>If you're printing on paper, it is jammed in the printer. Press the  paper button to eject the paper. If that doesn't work, turn off the printer, open the cover, and pull the paper out from the front, including any torn pieces. Then turn on the printer, reload paper, and press the  paper button.</p> <p>If you're printing on a CD or DVD, the CD/DVD tray has not ejected. Pull out the tray and press the  paper button.</p>
Red  ink light flashes	One or more cartridges are nearly expended. Check the message that appears on your screen to determine which cartridge is nearly expended or follow the instructions in "Checking the Ink Supply" on the right. Make sure you have a replacement cartridge.
Red  ink light and green  power light are on	<p>One or more cartridges are expended or not installed. Make sure you have a replacement cartridge, then follow the steps in "Replacing an Ink Cartridge" on the right to install it.</p> <p>If you have just installed a new cartridge, it may be incompatible with the printer or incorrectly installed. Reinstall it or replace it with the correct cartridge, as described in "Replacing an Ink Cartridge" on the right.</p>
Green  power light is off; red  paper out and red  ink lights flash	Paper may be blocking movement of the print head. Turn off the printer, then open the cover and remove any jammed paper or other foreign objects. Turn the printer back on again. If the lights are still flashing, contact your dealer or Epson as described in your on-screen <i>User's Guide</i> or <i>Printer Basics</i> book.


Lights	Explanation
Green  power light flashes; red  paper out and red  ink lights flash rapidly	<p>The front tray is not in the correct position.</p> <p>Before you turn on the printer or print on paper, lift the tray lever up to set the front tray to the paper (lower) position.</p> <p>Before you print on a CD or DVD, pull the tray lever down to set the front tray to the CD/DVD position.</p>
Green  power light is on; red  paper out and red  ink lights flash alternately	An unsupported device is connected to the EXT. I/F USB port. Only devices compatible with PictBridge or USB DIRECT-PRINT can be connected to this port. See "Direct Printing from a Digital Camera or Mobile Phone" in your on-screen <i>User's Guide</i> or <i>Printer Basics</i> book.
Green  power light is off; red  paper out and red  ink lights flash alternately	The printer may have an internal error. Turn off the printer, wait a few seconds, then turn it on again. If the lights are still flashing, contact your dealer or Epson as described in your on-screen <i>User's Guide</i> or <i>Printer Basics</i> book.

Replacing an Ink Cartridge

When the red  ink light flashes, one or more ink cartridges are nearly expended.


When the red  ink light stays on, you need to replace the cartridge(s).

When you print, you'll also see a message on your screen telling you which cartridge is low or expended.

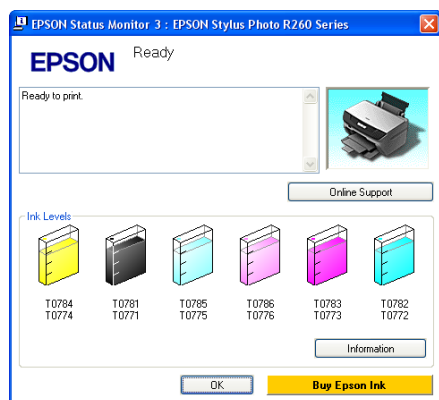
When a cartridge is more than six months old, you may need to replace it if printouts don't look their best. If the quality doesn't improve after cleaning and aligning the print head, you can replace the cartridge even if the red  ink light is off.

Checking the Ink Supply

To check the ink supply, do one of the following:

- ☐ **Windows:** Double-click the  printer icon on your taskbar (in the lower right corner of your screen).

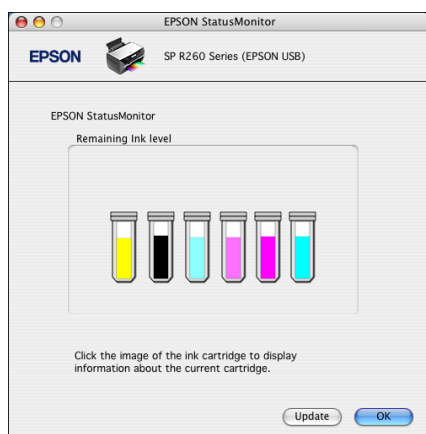
You see a window like this one:



To see the part numbers for the ink cartridges currently installed in your printer, click **Information**.

- ❑ **Macintosh OS X:** Open the Applications folder and select EPSON Printer Utility2. Select SP R260 Series in the printer list, click OK, and select EPSON StatusMonitor.

You see a window like this one:



Click a cartridge image to display information about the cartridge.

Ink Cartridge Precautions

Warning: Keep ink cartridges out of the reach of children.

If ink gets on your hands, wash them thoroughly with soap and water. If ink gets in your eyes, flush them immediately with water. If discomfort or vision problems continue after a thorough flushing, see a doctor immediately.

Caution: To avoid damaging the printer, never move the print head by hand.

You cannot print if an ink cartridge is expended. Leave the expended cartridge installed in the printer until you have obtained a replacement. Otherwise the ink remaining in the print head nozzles may dry out.

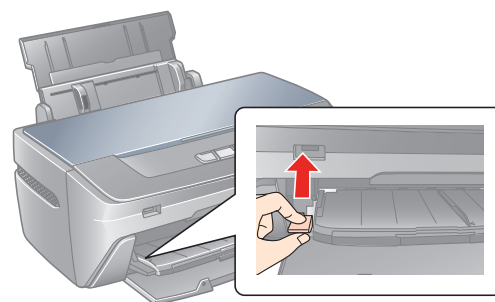
Removing and Installing Ink Cartridges

Note: Do not open ink cartridge packages until you are ready to install the ink. Cartridges are vacuum packed to maintain reliability.

This printer uses ink cartridges equipped with IC chips that monitor the amount of ink used by each cartridge. Cartridges are usable even if they are removed and reinserted. Some ink is consumed each time cartridges are inserted, however, because the printer automatically checks their reliability.

If you remove a cartridge that is low (for which you have received an "Ink low" message), you cannot reuse it.

1. Make sure the CD/DVD tray is not inserted in the printer, and make sure the front tray is in the paper (lower) position. If it is not, lift the tray lever up to reposition the front tray.



2. Make sure the printer is turned on. (The green ⏻ power light should be on, but not flashing.) Then open the printer cover.
3. Press and release the ⬆ ink button.

If the red ⬆ ink light is off, go to step 5.

If the red ⬆ ink light is on or flashing, the print head moves to the left, and the cartridge that needs to be replaced stops under the ⌘ mark. The green ⏻ power light begins to flash. Go to step 4.

Note: Don't hold down the ⬆ ink button for more than 3 seconds, or the printer will start to clean the print head.

4. Press the ⬆ ink button again.

If more than one cartridge is low or expended, the next cartridge moves under the ⌘ mark. Repeat this step.

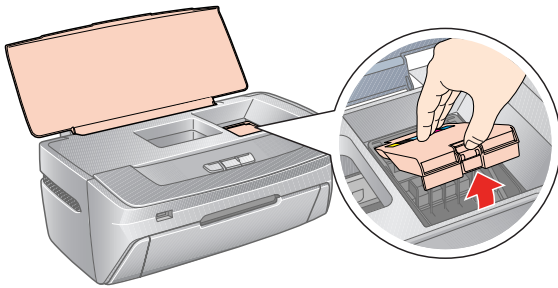
If all the low or expended cartridges have been identified, the print head moves to the ink cartridge replacement position.

Note: You can also use the Status Monitor to check ink cartridge status. See "Checking the Ink Supply" on page 4 for more information.

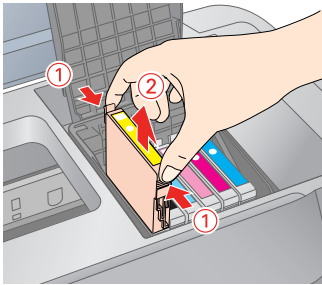
Caution: Do not touch the area shown below when you are changing ink cartridges.



5. Lift up the cartridge cover.



6. Press in the tab on the back of the cartridge and lift the cartridge out of the printer. Dispose of it carefully.



Warning: Keep ink cartridges out of the reach of children and don't drink the ink.

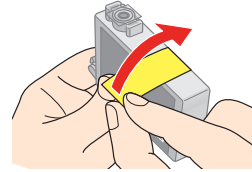
If ink gets on your hands, wash them thoroughly with soap and water. If ink gets in your eyes, flush them immediately with water. If discomfort or vision problems continue after a thorough flushing, see a doctor immediately.

7. Unwrap the new ink cartridge.

Caution: Be careful not to break the hooks on the side of the ink cartridge when you remove it from the package.

Always install an ink cartridge immediately after removing the old cartridge. If the cartridge is not installed promptly, the print head may dry out and be unable to print.

8. Remove the yellow tape from the bottom of the ink cartridge.

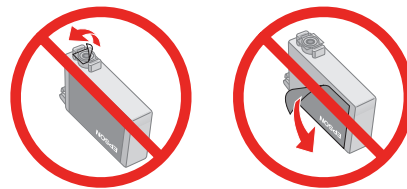


Caution: You must remove the yellow tape from the cartridge before you install it; otherwise, print quality may decline or you may not be able to print.

If you have installed an ink cartridge without removing the yellow tape, take the cartridge out of the printer, remove the yellow tape, and then reinstall it.

Do not remove the transparent seal from the bottom of the cartridge; otherwise, the cartridge may become unusable.

Do not remove or tear the label on the cartridge; otherwise, ink will leak.



9. Lower the cartridge into the holder, with the green circuit board facing the front. Then gently push the cartridge down until it clicks into place.



10. If you need to replace another ink cartridge, repeat steps 6 through 9 before continuing with step 11.

11. Close the cartridge cover.



12. Close the printer cover and press the Δ ink button. The printer begins charging the ink delivery system.

The green \odot power light flashes and the printer makes noise. Charging takes about one and a half minutes. When it's finished, the green \odot power light stops flashing and stays on, and the red Δ ink light goes out.

Caution: Never turn off the printer while the green \odot power light is flashing, unless the printer hasn't moved or made noise for more than 5 minutes.

Do not insert the CD/DVD tray until ink charging is complete.

Note: If the red Δ ink light flashes after the print head moves to its home (far right) position, the ink cartridge may not be installed properly. Press the Δ ink button two or more times (until the print head moves to the ink cartridge replacement position), open the cartridge cover, and press down the ink cartridge until it clicks into place.

Selecting the Paper Type Setting

Select the correct paper Type or Media Type setting so your printer knows what kind of paper you're using and adjusts the ink coverage accordingly.

For this paper	Select this paper Type or Media Type setting
Plain paper Epson Bright White Paper Epson Iron-on Cool Peel Transfer paper	Plain Paper / Bright White Paper
Epson Ultra Premium Photo Paper Glossy Epson Ultra Premium Glossy Photo Paper	Ultra Premium Photo Paper Glossy
Epson Premium Photo Paper Glossy Epson Premium Glossy Photo Paper	Premium Photo Paper Glossy
Epson Premium Photo Paper Semi-gloss Epson Premium Semi-gloss Photo Paper	Premium Photo Paper Semi-Gloss
Epson Photo Paper Glossy Epson Glossy Photo Paper	Photo Paper Glossy
Epson Premium Presentation Paper Matte Epson Matte Paper Heavyweight Epson Premium Presentation Paper Matte Double-sided Epson Double-sided Matte Paper	Premium Presentation Paper Matte
Epson Presentation Paper Matte Epson Photo Quality Ink Jet Paper Epson Photo Quality Self Adhesive Sheets	Presentation Paper Matte
Epson Ultra Premium Photo Paper Luster Epson Premium Luster Photo Paper	Ultra Premium Photo Paper Luster
Envelopes	Envelope

Paper Loading Guidelines

You can load up to 120 sheets of plain paper. You can load the following number of sheets of Epson special media:

Paper type	Loading capacity
Epson Presentation Paper Matte Epson Photo Quality Ink Jet Paper	100 sheets
Epson Bright White Paper	80 sheets
Epson Ultra Premium Photo Paper Glossy Epson Ultra Premium Glossy Photo Paper Epson Premium Photo Paper Glossy Epson Premium Glossy Photo Paper Epson Premium Photo Paper Semi-gloss Epson Premium Semi-gloss Photo Paper Epson Photo Paper Glossy Epson Glossy Photo Paper Epson Premium Presentation Paper Matte Epson Matte Paper Heavyweight Epson Premium Presentation Paper Matte Double-sided Epson Double-sided Matte Paper Epson Ultra Premium Photo Paper Luster Epson Premium Luster Photo Paper	20 sheets
Epson Iron-on Cool Peel Transfer paper Epson Photo Quality Self Adhesive Sheets	1 sheet

- ❑ Leave enough space in front of the printer for the paper to be fully ejected.
- ❑ Don't load paper above the arrow mark on the left edge guide.
- ❑ Load the printable side face-up. It's often brighter or whiter than the other side.
- ❑ Always load the short edge first, even when printing in landscape mode.
- ❑ Load letterhead or preprinted paper into the printer top edge first.
- ❑ If you experience paper feeding problems, try loading fewer sheets.
- ❑ If you're using special paper, follow the instructions that came with the paper.


Printing CDs and DVDs

Your printer includes a special tray that lets you print customized text, graphics, and photos directly on any ink jet-printable CD or DVD. The Epson Print CD software makes it easy to import your own photos, add text, and modify your designs with a variety of special effects. You can print on both regular 12-cm and 8-cm CDs and DVDs.

Caution: Use only ink jet-printable CDs and DVDs for printing. Thermal-printable and regular CDs and DVDs should not be used with this printer; otherwise the ink may smear.

Cleaning the Rollers

Before you print on CDs or DVDs, it's a good idea to clean the rollers inside your printer. You can do this by feeding and ejecting several sheets of plain paper.

1. Make sure your printer is turned on and several sheets of letter-size paper are loaded.
2. Press the  paper button to feed a sheet of paper through the printer.
3. Repeat step 2 several times.

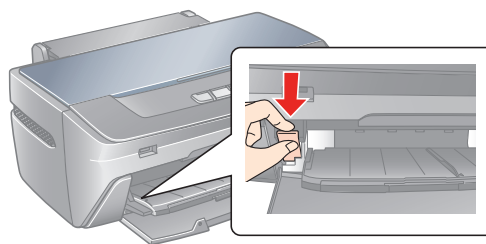
Inserting a CD or DVD

Make sure the data, music, or video is burned on your ink jet-printable CDs or DVDs before you print. Otherwise, dirt or scratches on the surface may cause errors when you burn the data. If you plan to print a large number of CDs or DVDs, it's a good idea to print a small sample, then wait a day and check the quality to make sure it's satisfactory.

If you want to check the print position or color, see your on-screen *User's Guide* or *Printer Basics* book.

Before you insert a CD or DVD, make sure the printer is turned on. Otherwise, the disc may not be positioned correctly. Then follow these steps:

1. Push in the output tray extension, but leave the tray open.
2. Open the front cover, then set the front tray to the CD/DVD position by pulling the tray lever down.



Caution: Before you move the tray lever, make sure no paper or other objects are on the front tray and the front tray is not extended.

Do not touch the front tray when you move the tray lever.

Do not move the tray lever while the printer is printing.

3. Place the CD or DVD on the CD/DVD tray with the white or printable side face-up. Make sure the disc lies flat in the tray.

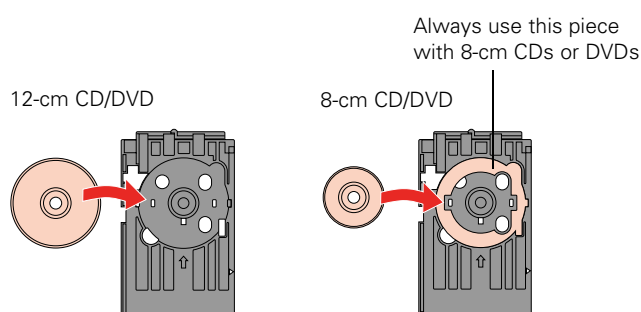
To print on a small CD (8-cm), place the small CD ring on the tray first, then place the CD inside the ring.

Note: Use one CD/DVD at a time.

Caution: Before you position the CD or DVD, make sure that no dust or dirt is on the CD/DVD tray, as this may damage the disc's data side.

Be sure to use the CD/DVD tray provided with this printer. If you use another CD/DVD tray, there may be a gap in the print position and printing may not be performed properly.

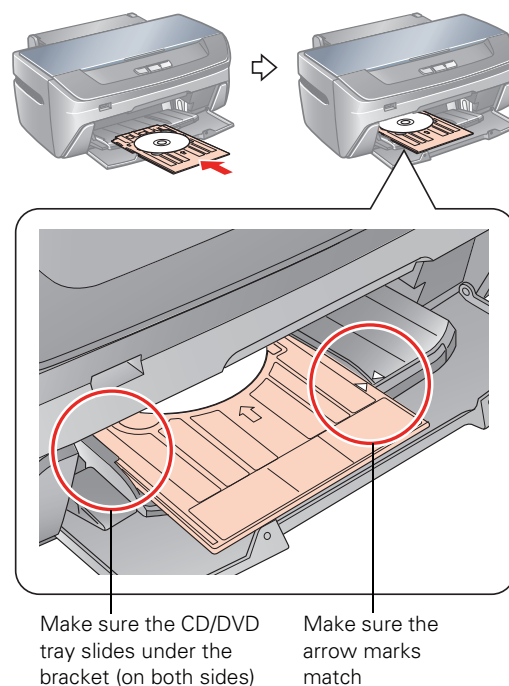
Make sure you always use the small CD ring when printing on 8-cm CDs and that the CD and ring lies flat on the tray; otherwise the printer may be damaged.



4. Gently insert the CD/DVD tray along the base of the front tray until the marks on the CD/DVD tray and the front tray match each other.

Caution: Make sure both sides of the CD/DVD tray slide underneath the brackets on the front tray.

Do not insert the CD/DVD tray while the printer is printing; otherwise, your printer may be damaged or the surface of the CD or DVD may become dirty or scratched.



5. Follow the instructions in "Printing Your Design" below to print with Epson Print CD.

Designing CDs and DVDs

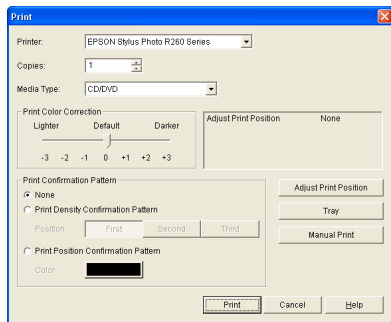
You can use the Epson Print CD program (included on the Printer Software CD-ROM) to create and print a design with images, graphics, and text. See your on-screen *User's Guide* or *Printer Basics* book for instructions.

Printing Your Design

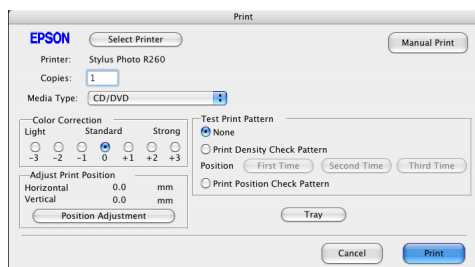
After you have created your design and loaded a CD or DVD, you're ready to print.

1. Open the File menu and select Print.
2. Make sure **EPSON Stylus Photo R260 Series** (Windows) or **Stylus Photo R260** (Macintosh) is selected.
3. Select **CD/DVD** or **CD/DVD Premium Surface** as the Media Type setting.
4. Select **None** as the Print Confirmation Pattern setting (Windows) or **Test Print Pattern** setting (Macintosh).

5. Click Print.



Windows



Macintosh

Note: You can only print on one CD or DVD at a time. When the copies setting is set to 2 or more, remove each CD or DVD from the tray after it has been printed, and then place the next CD or DVD on the tray (see “Inserting a CD or DVD” on page 8 for loading instructions). Then press the paper button to resume printing.

After you print, handle the CD or DVD carefully. To allow the ink to dry, wait at least 24 hours before playing the disc or inserting it in a drive. Keep printed discs away from moisture and direct sunlight.

If you need to adjust the print position or color, see your on-screen *User's Guide* or *Printer Basics* book

Cleaning the Print Head

If your printouts are unexpectedly light or dots or lines are missing, you may need to clean the print head. This unclogs the nozzles so they can deliver ink properly.

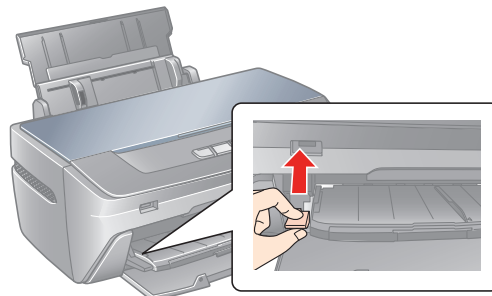
Note: Print head cleaning uses ink, so clean it only when print quality declines (for example, if you see lines in your printout or colors are incorrect or missing).

Before you clean the print head, check the print head nozzles first to confirm that the print head needs to be cleaned. This saves ink. For more information, see “Checking the Print Head Nozzles” on the right.

This section explains how to clean the print head using the Head Cleaning Utility.

You can also clean the print head by holding down the ink button on the printer for three seconds. (This only works when the red ink light is off.)

Before you clean the print head, make sure the CD/DVD tray is not inserted in the printer, and make sure the front tray is in the paper (lower) position. If it is not, lift the tray lever up to reposition the front tray.

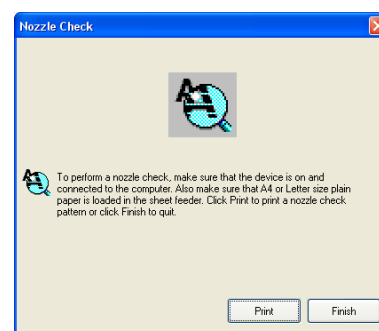


Caution: When you don't turn on your printer for a long time, print quality can decline, so turn it on and print a few pages at least once a month to maintain good print quality.

Checking the Print Head Nozzles

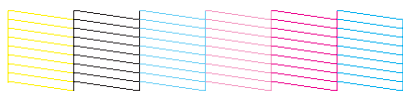
1. Make sure the printer is turned on but not printing, and the red ink light is not on. (If the red ink light is on, you need to replace a cartridge; see page 4 for details.)
2. Make sure letter-size plain paper is loaded in the printer.
3. Do one of the following:
 - ☐ **Windows:** Right-click the printer icon on your taskbar (in the lower right corner of your screen). Select Nozzle Check.
 - ☐ **Macintosh OS X:** Open the Applications folder and select EPSON Printer Utility2. Select SP R260 Series in the printer list, click OK, then select Nozzle Check.

You see a screen like the following:

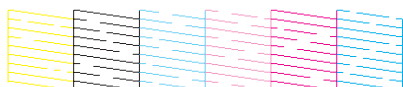


4. Click **Print** or **Next**. The nozzle check pattern prints:

Print head does not need to be cleaned:




Print head needs to be cleaned:



5. If there are no gaps or lines, click **Finish**.
If there are gaps or lines, or the test patterns are faint, click **Clean**. Then skip to step 3 below to clean the nozzles.

Running the Head Cleaning Utility

1. Make sure the printer is turned on but not printing, and the red Δ ink light is off. (If the Δ ink light is flashing or on, you need to replace a cartridge; see page 4 for details.)
2. Do one of the following:

☐ **Windows:** Right-click the  printer icon on your taskbar (in the lower right corner of your screen). Select **Head Cleaning**.

☐ **Macintosh:** Open the **Applications** folder and select **EPSON Printer Utility2**. Select **SP R260 Series** in the printer list, click **OK**, then select **Head Cleaning**.

3. Follow the instructions on the screen to clean the print head.

Cleaning takes several seconds. The printer makes noise and the green \odot power light flashes.

Caution: Never turn off the printer while head cleaning is in progress; you may damage it. Do not insert the CD/DVD tray until cleaning has finished.

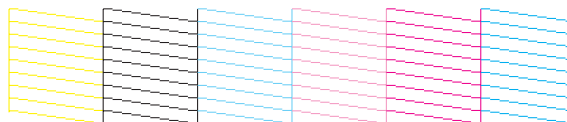
4. When the green \odot power light stops flashing, make sure paper is loaded in the printer, then do one of the following:

☐ **Windows:** Click **Print nozzle check pattern**, then click **Print**.

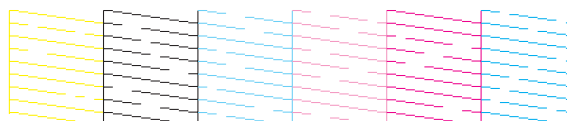
☐ **Macintosh:** Click **Confirmation**, then click **Next**.

The nozzle check pattern prints.

5. If the nozzle check pattern has no white lines or gaps (as shown below), click **Finish**.



If the pattern has white lines or gaps (as shown below), click **Clean** to clean the print head again.



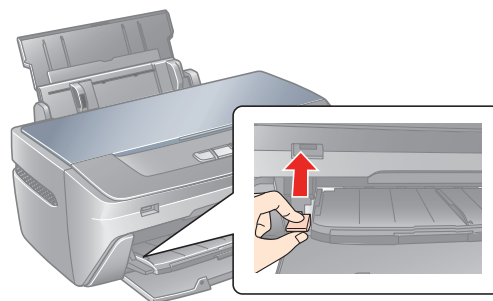
If you don't see any improvement after cleaning four times, you can also turn the printer off and wait overnight—this allows any dried ink to soften—and then try cleaning the print head again.

Aligning the Print Head


If your printouts look grainy or blurry, or you see light or dark lines, you may need to align the print head.

You may also see lines in your printouts if your cartridges are low on ink or you need to clean the print head.

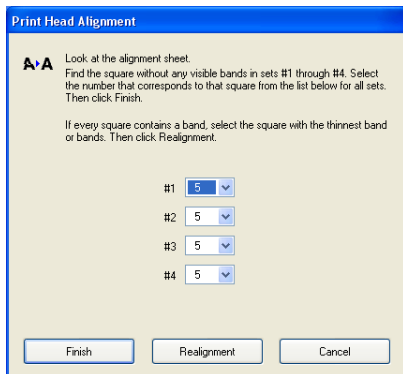
Before you align the print head, make sure the CD/DVD tray is not inserted in the printer, and make sure the front tray is in the paper (lower) position. If it is not, lift the tray lever up to reposition the front tray.



1. Turn on the printer.
2. Make sure none of the lights are indicating errors. See "Control Panel" on page 4 for details.
3. Load several sheets of plain, letter-size paper.
4. Do one of the following:

- ❑ **Windows:** Right-click the  printer icon on your taskbar (in the lower right corner of your screen). Select **Print Head Alignment**.
 - ❑ **Macintosh:** Open the **Applications** folder and select **EPSON Printer Utility2**. Select **SP R260 Series** in the printer list, click **OK**, then select **Print Head Alignment**.
5. Follow the instructions on the screen to print the alignment pattern.

You see a window like this one:



6. Look at the four sets of patterns in your printout. For each set, look at the printed squares to determine which one in each set is the most even, with no streaks or lines, and enter its number in the corresponding box on the screen.

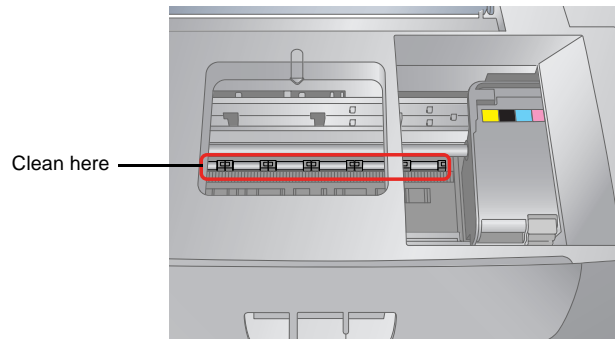
If every square in a set contains a line or lines, select the square with the thinnest line or lines. Then click **Realignment** and **Print** to print another alignment sheet and repeat this step.

7. Click **Finish** to close the Print Head Alignment utility.

Cleaning the Printer

To keep your printer working at its best, you should clean it several times a year.

1. Turn off the printer, unplug the power cord, and disconnect the USB cable.
2. Remove all the paper, then use a soft brush to clean the sheet feeder.
3. If the outer case or inside of the sheet feeder is dirty, clean it with a soft cloth dampened with mild detergent. Keep the printer cover closed to prevent water from getting inside.
4. If ink accidentally gets inside of the printer, wipe it off with a damp cloth in the area shown.



Warning: Don't touch the gears or any other parts inside the printer.

Caution: Never use a hard or abrasive brush, or benzene, alcohol, or paint thinner for cleaning; they can damage the printer components and case.

Don't get water on the printer components and don't spray or apply lubricants, oils or grease inside the printer.

Don't use any cleaning sheets included with special paper; they may jam inside the printer.

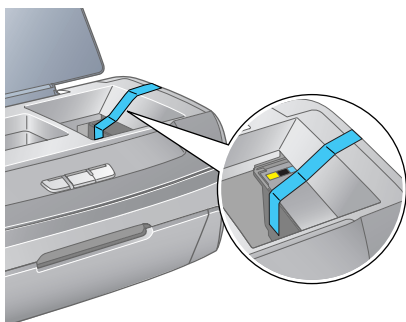
Transporting the Printer

If you need to ship your printer, you must prepare it for transportation by packing the printer in its original box or one of a similar size.

Caution: When storing or transporting the printer, do not tilt it, stand it up vertically, or turn it upside down. Otherwise, ink may leak from the cartridges.

Leave the ink cartridges installed. Removing the cartridges can dehydrate the print head and may prevent the printer from printing.

1. Turn on the printer. Wait until the print head returns to the home (far right) position, then close the printer cover.
2. Turn off the printer and unplug its power cord. Then disconnect the power cord and USB cable from the printer.
3. Open the printer cover. Secure the print head with tape, as shown below, then close the printer cover.



4. Remove any paper from the printer, then push down the paper support extension and close the paper support.
5. Repack the printer and its attachments in the original box using the protective materials that came with them.

Keep the printer level as you transport it.

After transporting the printer, remove the tape securing the print head. Then plug in your printer, turn it on, and test it. If you notice a decline in print quality, clean the print head (see page 10); if output is grainy or blurry, align the print head (see page 11).

Related Documentation

CPD-21934R1	Epson Stylus Photo R260 <i>Start Here</i>
CPD-21936R1	Epson Stylus Photo R260 <i>Printer Basics</i>
CPD-21935R1	Epson Stylus Photo R260 CD-ROM with on-screen <i>User's Guide</i>